

# WASHINGTON STATE POPULATION SURVEY

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## Profile of Working Families With Children

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	Low-Income <sup>1</sup> Working Families		Other Working Families	
Age	Under 20	1.9%	Under 20	0.7%
	20-29	30.6%	20-29	9.6%
	30-39	39.1%	30-39	40.4%
	40-49	20.6%	40-49	39.1%
	50 or Older	7.8%	50 or Older	10.2%
Marital Status	Married	57.6%	Married	80.1%
	Divorced	20.5%	Divorced	13.4%
	Separated	5.2%	Separated	1.4%
	Widowed	2.1%	Widowed	0.7%
	Never Married	14.6%	Never Married	4.4%
Race	Black	9.6%	Black	2.1%
	American Indian	4.4%	American Indian	1.3%
	Asian/Pacific Islander	4.6%	Asian/Pacific Islander	6.2%
	White	81.3%	White	90.5%
Hispanic Origin?	Yes	15.2%	Yes	3.6%
	No	84.8%	No	96.4%
Is English the Primary Language in the Household?	Yes	88.4%	Yes	97.7%
	No	11.6%	No	2.3%
Highest Level of School Completed	Less Than High School	14.0%	Less Than High School	2.4%
	High School or GED	30.9%	High School or GED	23.8%
	Some College	39.3%	Some College	35.5%
	Bachelor's Degree	12.1%	Bachelor's Degree	25.4%
	Graduate or Professional	3.6%	Graduate or Professional	12.8%
Do You Consider Your Main Job Temporary?	Yes	25.3%	Yes	10.8%
	No	74.7%	No	89.2%
Are Paid Vacation & Sick Leave Provided by Current Employer?	Yes	64.1%	Yes	79.5%
	No	35.9%	No	20.6%
Number of Weeks Worked in 1997	None	6.0%	None	1.3%
	1-26 Weeks	13.4%	1-26 Weeks	4.5%
	27-49 Weeks	18.1%	27-49 Weeks	9.4%
	50-52 Weeks	62.6%	50-52 Weeks	84.9%
Had Health Insurance Coverage For Seven Months in 1997?	Yes	72.6%	Yes	94.8%
	No	27.4%	No	5.2%
Had Health Insurance Coverage For All Twelve Months in 1997?	Yes	67.1%	Yes	90.4%
	No	32.9%	No	9.6%

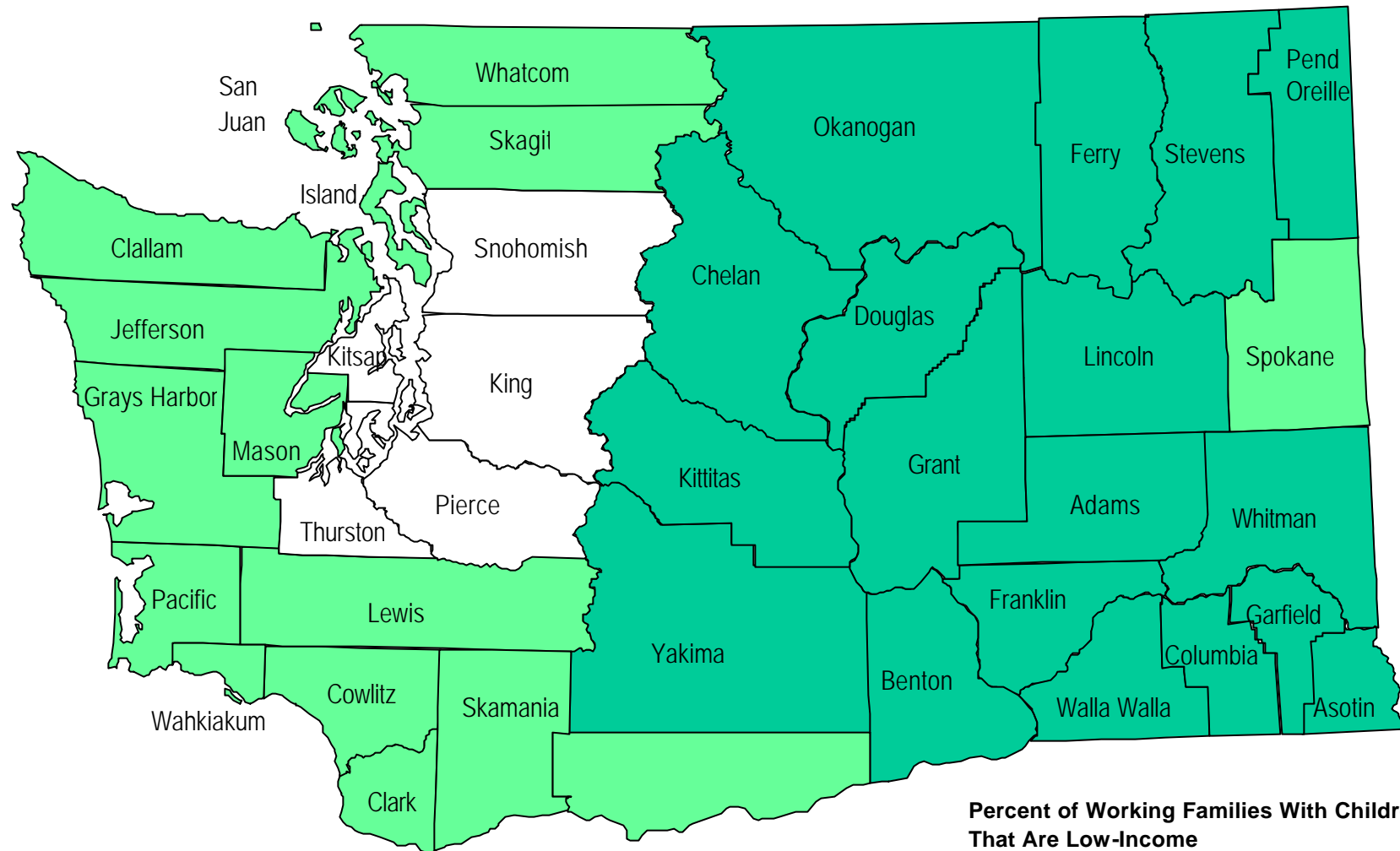
<sup>1</sup> Households below 200% of the federal poverty level are defined as low-income.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

Source: *1998 Washington State Population Survey*, households with at least one child under 18 and at least one working adult.

More information about the survey is available at: [www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/index.htm](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/index.htm)

# Percent<sup>1</sup> of Working Families With Children in Washington State That Are Low-Income<sup>2</sup>



Washington State Office of Financial Management

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<sup>1</sup>Although a larger percentage of working families in eastern Washington are low-income, more low-income families live in the Puget Sound area.

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